

Intermediate - Advanced

May 2013 Subject-Verb Agreement

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2. Neither John nor his wife **drinks** / **drink** wine.
3. Everybody in the house **loves** / **love** classical music.
4. The police **is** / **are** looking into the matter.
5. There **is** / **are** a few things we need to discuss.
6. Only one of the boys **has** / **have** accepted to do the task.
7. I gave John some advice on looking after kids but he didn't take **it** / **them**.
8. Her family **lives** / **live** in London.
9. There **is** / **are** a couple of boys fishing by the river.
10. Every house in the village **is** / **are** painted in white and blue.
11. All car owners **is** / **are** expected to pay more tax next year.
12. The news we received **is** / **are** very good.
13. A high percentage of students **was** / **were** unable to answer the question.
14. The majority **is** / **are** in favour of the proposal.
15. It is my sister and not my brothers who **wants** / **want** to go to Brazil.
16. Bringing up five children **is** / **are** not an easy task.
17. Neither of them **wants** / **want** to do the homework.
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